

The South Pasadena Public Library
presents



Local Author, Lisa Yee, at a book signing

South Pasadena Authors

*This list highlights current and former residents of
South Pasadena whose books are included in the
South Pasadena Public Library collection.*

Lynore Banchoff: Award-winning poet and retired social worker who published *Past Tense and Parts of Speech on Beech Street*, a book of poems about growing up in South Pasadena.

Allan Barry: Former professional football player for the Green Bay Packers, New York Giants and Los Angeles Chargers, Barry recently penned his memoirs in *The Unknown Lineman: The Lighter Side of the NFL*.

David Beadle: Author of *The Day the Trash Came Out to Play*, a children's book on recycling. Beadle is also a former member of the South Pasadena Natural Resources & Environmental Commission.

Lisze Bechtold: The animator and children's book author/illustrator's works include the Oppenheimer Gold Award-winning *Buster the Very Shy Dog* and *Sally and the Purple Socks*, recipient of the Children's Choice Book Award.

Alison Bell: Author of the popular *Zibby Payne* series for children, as well as *Fearless Fashion, Let's Party!*, and eight other non-fiction titles for teens and pre-teens.

Leslie Bilderback: Chef, culinary instructor and author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Comfort Food* and six other cookbooks in the *Complete Idiot's* series.

Paul Bullock, Jr.: Graduate of Occidental College and research economist at the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations, Bullock is the author of 13 books including *Watts: The Aftermath*.

Susan Compo: Author of *Warren Oates: A Wild Life*, a biography of the late actor. Compo has also published a novel and several short story collections.

Henri Anthony Coulette (1927-1988): Lamont Poetry Award-winner and longtime California State University, Los Angeles Professor of English. Works include *The Collected Poems of Henri Coulette*, *The Family Goldschmitt*, and *The War of the Secret Agents and Other Poems*.

Henry Dreyfuss (1904-1972): Prominent industrial designer whose key works include *Designing for People* and *The Measure of Man: Human Factors in Design*.

Glen Duncan: Author of *Route 66 in California*, part of the "Images of America" series, Duncan is on the Board of Directors of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and a member of the Library's Exterior Beautification Committee.

Syd Field: Through his twenty-five years of teaching, Syd Field has educated thousands of professional screenwriters. His work has resulted in five best-selling books on writing, selling and analyzing screenplays, including *Screenplay*, *The Screenwriter's Workbook*, and *The Screenwriter's Problem Solver*.

Margaret Finnegan: Author of *The Goddess Lounge* and *Selling Suffrage*, Finnegan also wrote for the Los Angeles Times, Salon, and other publications.

Robert Florczak: Artist, musician, author/ illustrator of *Yikes!!!*, and illustrator of several other children's books, including *Persian Cinderella* (by Shirley Climo) and *Cowboy Christmas* (by Audrey Wood).

Jim Gallo: Graduate of South Pasadena High School and retired architect, Gallo's book *How Plans Can Change—Pasadena to Brooklyn via Route 66* is a coming of age story that also includes some South Pasadena history.

Julie Winkle Giulioni: Respected speaker on a variety of performance improvement, leadership, sales and customer service topics, Giulioni is also the author of *Help Them Grow or Watch them Go: Career Conversations Employees Want*.

Margaret Collier Graham (1850-1910): South Pasadena's pioneer storyteller and essayist whose titles include *Stories of the Foothills, Do They Respect Us? And Other Essays*, and *The Wizard's Daughters: And Other Stories*. Graham was married to South Pasadena's first Mayor, Donald Graham.

Michael Haddad: Story analyst for Paramount Pictures, Haddad has written or co-written screenplays for more than a dozen feature films. He is also the author of *The Screenwriter's Sourcebook: A Comprehensive Marketing Guide for Screen and Television Writers*.

Brent and Phelecia Hatch: Husband-and-wife co-authors of the award-winning *Raising a G-Rated Family in an X-Rated World: A Survival Guide from a Family of Nine*.

Naomi Hirahara: South Pasadena High School graduate and Edgar Award-winning author of the Mas Arai mystery series, *1001 Cranes* (a children's novel), and several nonfiction Asian-American history titles.

Tom Houg: Author of *New Urbanism and Architectural Styles*, a work that explores New Urbanist design elements.

Susan Elizabeth Hough: Seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey whose books include *Richter's Scale: Measure of an Earthquake, Measure of a Man* and *Finding Fault in California: an Earthquake Tourist's Guide*.

Kathy Ireland: Former model, actress, and entrepreneur, Ireland is the CEO and designer of her eponymous brand product marketing company. She has written six books, three of which are for children. Her titles include *Mona's Favorite Words, An Angel Called Hope, and Busy Moms: Your Guide to Success and Sanity*.

Alan Jutzi: Chief Curator of Rare Books at the Huntington Library and author of *In Search of Richard Burton: Papers from a Huntington Library Symposium*.

William J. Kelly: Veteran journalist, blogger and co-author of *Smogtown: the Lung-Burning History of Pollution in Los Angeles*, Kelly is a member of the South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Commission.

Mike Kelley (1954-2012): Renowned, influential, and controversial multi-media artist, Kelley's work has been exhibited in museums and galleries world-wide. He is the author of several books including *Mike Kelley: "Day is Done"* and *Minor Histories: Statements, Conversations, Proposals*.

Ron Koertge: Critically acclaimed novelist for young adults, poet and former Professor of English and Creative Writing at Pasadena City College. Works include the P.E.N. Prize-winning *Stoner and Spaz, Strays* (an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults), and several collections of poetry for adults.

Robin Rector Krupp: Children's author and illustrator whose works include *The Big Dipper and You* and *Let's Go Traveling in Mexico*.

Jim Krusoe: Teacher of creative writing at Santa Monica College, Krusoe is the founder of the *Santa Monica Review*, a literary arts journal sponsored by the College. He is the author of five books of poetry, a collection of short stories, and the novels *Iceland*, *Girl Factory*, *Erased* and *Toward You*. Krusoe is also the recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Fund.

Mark Langill: South Pasadena Parks & Recreation Commissioner and Los Angeles Dodgers Team Historian, Langill is the author of four books: *Dodgertown*, *Dodger Stadium*, *Los Angeles Dodgers* and *Game of My Life, Dodgers*.

William Gordon Leary: Former California State University, Los Angeles professor and author of *Shakespeare Plain: The Making and Performing of Shakespeare's Plays* and several literature textbooks.

Henry G. Lee: 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II and 1932 graduate of South Pasadena-San Marino High School, Lt. Lee survived three years in a Japanese military prison camp, but tragically died when his ship was sunk by American bombers. His collection of "hastily written" verse as well as letters to his parents were retrieved and published in *Nothing But Praise*.

Phoebe MacAdams: Former teacher of English and Creative Writing at Roosevelt High School, MacAdams is the author of six books of poetry including *Touching Stone* and *Strange Grace*.

Tracey Mallett: a recognized name in the Fitness Industry, Mallett strives to motivate and inspire women. She stars in several fitness DVDs and is the author of two fitness books for women: *Super Fit Mama* and *Sexy in 6*.

Joe Matthews: A fourth-generation Californian and contributing writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, Matthews is co-author, with Mark Paul, of *California Crackup: How Reform Broke the Golden State and How We Can Fix It*. He also wrote *The People's Machine: Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Rise of Blockbuster Democracy* in 2006.

Jane D. McCloskey: Author of *6 Horses and 10 Head: 200 Years on the Rancho San Pasqual (1770-1970)*, a history of Pasadena, South Pasadena and Altadena.

Kathleen McLaughlin: The internationally-exhibited, award-winning photographer and photography educator chronicles her year-long experience living with a peasant family in northern Transylvania in *The Color of Hay: The Peasants of Maramures*.

Leonard Mlodinow: Caltech physicist, former television writer, and author of several titles for adults and children, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Drunkard's Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives*, as well as *The Grand Plan*, co-written with Stephen Hawking.

Kay Mouradian: Retired Professor of Health and Physical Education, her first novel, *A Gift in the Sunlight: an Armenian Story* was inspired by the true story of her mother's survival of the Armenian genocide.

Bruce Murray: Educational writer, journalist and award-winning author of *Religious Liberty in America: Navigating the First Amendment in the Newsroom and Beyond*, a survey covering 400 years of religion and politics in America.

Jill Nemiro: Assistant Professor of Psychology and Sociology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and adjunct professor in the Human Resources Design program at Claremont Graduate University whose works include *Creativity in Virtual Teams: Key Components for Success*.

Victoria Patterson: Selected as an Editors' Choice by *The New York Times Book Review*, Patterson's novel *This Vacant Paradise* was released in 2011. *Drift*, her earlier collection of short stories, was a finalist for the California Book Award and the 2009 Story Prize. It was also selected by *The San Francisco Chronicle* as one of the best books of 2009.

Stefanos Polyzoides: Professor Emeritus of Architecture at the University of Southern California and one of the founders of the New Urbanism movement, Polyzoides is the author of *Courtyard Housing in Los Angeles*.

Lawrence Clark Powell (1906-2001): Distinguished literary critic, University Librarian at UCLA and author of more than 100 titles, including biographies, histories, bibliographies and novels. The South Pasadena Public Library collection includes many of his works, among them: *Southwest Classics: the Creative Literature of the Arid Lands*, *The Blue Train*, a novel, and *An Orange Grove Boyhood*, his account of growing up in South Pasadena.

Sam Quinones: Journalist and author of two books of nonfiction about Mexico and Mexican immigration. His books *True Tales from Another Mexico* and *Antonio's Gun and Delfino's Dream* are inspired by the 10 years he spent in Mexico as a freelance writer. Quinones teaches a writing workshop called *Tell Your True Tale*, and edits a storytelling experiment by the same name.

Donald Rapp: Research scientist and consultant for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and author on topics from financial markets (*Bubbles, Booms and Busts*) climate to human missions to Mars. His late wife, Zolita Sverdlove (1936-2009), was a well-known South Pasadena artist whose paintings grace the Library's main reading room.

Ward Ritchie (1905-1996): Internationally-recognized author, book designer, publisher and historian of the book arts. The South Pasadena Public Library collection includes: *Of Bookmen & Printers: a Gathering of Memories* and *Fine Printing: the Los Angeles Tradition*, as well as *The Work of Ward Ritchie: Designer, Printer, Poet*, written by his childhood friend Lawrence Clark Powell.

Cecilia Samartin: Cuban-American writer, psychotherapist and social worker whose work, including novels *Broken Paradise*, *Vigil* and *Tarnished Beauty*, has been translated into Dutch, German and Norwegian.

Pat Saperstein: Food blogger (EatingLA.com), senior editor at *Daily Variety*, and co-editor (with Colleen Dunn Bates and Linda Burum) of *Eat 2010 Los Angeles: The Food Lover's Guide to Los Angeles*.

Anne Snyder: Snyder's book, *Tedde in Alaska*, tells the story of Tedde Jarvis as she leaves her family and sails to Alaska in the early 1900's.

Sam Shepard: The actor, director and leading American playwright whose works include *Buried Child*, recipient of the 1979 Pulitzer Prize in Drama, attended elementary school in South Pasadena.

Christina Schwarz: Novelist whose works include *The Edge of the Earth*, *So Long at the Fair*, and the bestselling *Drowning Ruth*, Oprah's September 2000 Book Club selection.

Peter Seymour: Author, illustrator and book designer whose works include the *Pop-up Book of Big Trucks* and dozens more pop-up, lift-the-flap and other interactive children's titles.

Rick Thomas: South Pasadena historian and author of four local history titles in the “Images of America” series: *South Pasadena*, *The Arroyo Seco*, *South Pasadena’s Ostrich Farm*, and *South Pasadena’s Raymond Hotel*.

Charles Timmerman: Author of more than 60 collections of word searches, crosswords and other puzzles, such as *The Everything Memory Puzzles Book*.

Jim Tranquada: Former newspaper reporter and Stanford University graduate, Tranquada is the Director of Communications for Occidental College. The great-great grandson of a ukulele pioneer, his book is *Ukulele: A History*.

Thomas Trzyna: Graduate of South Pasadena High School and Professor of English at Seattle Pacific University whose works include *Meeting God*, *Blessed are the Pacifists*, and *Winning the Math Wars*.

Holly Lee Vecchio: Graduate of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, and a retired Director of Christian Education, Vecchio’s works include *Acts from the Heart*, *Under the Belly of God*, and her most recent work, *Forward Through the Ages, The History of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Volume 1*.

Valerio Ventura: Visual development artist, award-winning art director and author of *Altered Scapes: Animation Art, Vol. 1.*, an art book showcasing his work as a designer in the film industry.

Charles Webb: Author of nine books, most famously *The Graduate*, the 1963 novel that was made into the highly successful 1967 film.

John E. Wills, Jr.: Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Southern California whose works include *1688: A Global History*, *Mountain of Fame*, and *Pepper, Guns and Parleys: The Dutch East India Company and China, 1662-1681*.

Reverend J. A. Wood (b. 1828): Noted Methodist Minister and author of *Perfect Love, Purity and Maturity*, *Sunset Echoes*, *Wesley on Christian Perfection*, as well as his autobiography.

Lisa Yee: Recipient of numerous honors, from the Sid Fleischman Humor Award to National Public Radio’s Best Summer Read, her works include several titles in the American Girls series, *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*, and *Millicent Min, Girl Genius*.

Paul Zall (1922-2010): Huntington Library scholar and California State University, Los Angeles Professor who wrote extensively on the lives of early American leaders. The South Pasadena Public Library collection includes: *Abe Lincoln’s Legacy of Laughter*, *Mark Twain Laughing*, *Founding Mothers: Profiles of Ten Wives of America’s Founding Fathers*, and many others.

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